

Israel established itself as a trustworthy ally in the Middle East.

During his tenure as Prime Minister, Mr. Rabin made remarkable progress in the Middle East peace movement. Teaming with former rival Shimon Peres, Mr. Rabin entered peace negotiations with then-Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat in 1993 in Oslo, Norway. Prime Minister Rabin, Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat all received the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts.

As a member of the Clinton Administration, I had the pleasure of witnessing the signing of these historical accords on the White House lawn. Meeting Prime Minister Rabin was an honor I will never forget, and his example continues to inspire me to this day.

Prime Minister Rabin was revered by the Israeli citizens for his unwavering commitment to the peace process. Tragically, the life of this man of peace was cut short by an extremist gunman on November 4, 1995. I would like to express my condolences to the family of Prime Minister Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York for introducing this important resolution, and I urge my colleagues to honor the memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2862,
DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE
AND JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RE-
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2006

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the conference report on H.R. 2862, the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, for Fiscal Year 2006, though I do so with reservations.

This conference report, while providing increased funding from the House-passed legislation, still fails to provide adequate funding levels for state and local law enforcement. However, I am pleased that Congress rejected the Administration's proposal to eliminate funding for the COPS program, which is critical to our local law enforcement agencies that are already underfunded. Funding for local and state law enforcement assistance in this legislation funded at \$1,142.7 million, which, although significantly less than was provided in 2001, is an increase from the House-funded level of \$1,069.2 million. Along with many of my colleagues, I would have supported further increases in funding for our state and local law enforcement and intend to work to make this a priority in the next Congress. We owe our law enforcement officers the tools they need to protect our communities and our families.

I was also extremely surprised and disappointed that the conferees stripped the amendment offered by Mr. SANDERS that passed in the House overwhelmingly, by a vote of 238–187, during consideration of H.R. 2862. This critical amendment would have barred funds to carry out provisions of the

USA PATRIOT Act permitting law enforcement officials to obtain records from booksellers and librarians. This amendment was a reasonable and needed amendment that would have restored the much-needed Congressional oversight to FBI searches.

Congress wisely rejected the Administration's significant cuts to the Legal Services Corporation in this report. The Legal Services Corporation is funded at \$330.8 million in this report, a \$12.6 million increase over the President's request. Legal Services Corporation makes a significant impact in the lives of many vulnerable citizens, and is often the only reason low-income families have access to our justice system.

In order for the U.S. to remain competitive and in order to ensure a skilled workforce in this global marketplace, we must continue to make critical and strategic investments in science and research. Science, and science education, are crucial elements to our society and our daily lives. I was very pleased with the funding for the science agencies, including NASA, and the National Science Foundation. NASA and NSF received increases of \$273 million and \$180.2 million respectively, both of which represent larger investments than the President's request.

I will support this conference report today, because it reflects an overall increase in investments for our future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY
TEAM

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to applaud the accomplishments of a group of Douglas County, Colorado student-athletes. The Varsity Football team from Douglas County, High School—Emilio Acosta, Bobby Acsell, Mitch Acsell, Ethan Adkins, Weston Anderson, Carrett Angus, Charles Arnold, Will Arnold, Jermoe Atkinson, Joe Barlow, Hunter Bartz, Anthony Bortot, Justin Brown, Chris Cancino, Dillon Carlson, Tanner Clark, Nate Cotanch, Dustin Davis, Luke Diehl, Rob Evans, Michael Facchinello, Joel Fassler, Steve Fendry, Grant Fisher, Kyle Folven, Kyle Galenza, Keiffer Garton, Andy Giepel, Ryan Groat, Nick Hernon, J.T. Herbert, Ben Hitchcock, Kaither Holliway, Tyler Jackson, Nick Kennedy, Drew Kesinger, Logan Klossner, Cole Kranhenbuhl, Chris Lagace, Eric Lawson, Zachary Loudon, Jordan Lyons, Mark McCarron, Tim McGraw, Jordan Manghan, Kris Mansfield, Ryan Misare, Andy Muns, Cody Monroe, Matt Monroe, Andy Nappo, Zach Nye, James O'Hara, Drew O'Malley, CJ Oechle, Taylor Oswald, Dan Oulliber, Curtis Prock, Matt Przylucki, Tucker Reddy, Ian Reither, Cory Reynolds, Spencer Rich, Landon Richey, Marcus Richtel, EJ Rivera, Josh Rodriguez, Jesse Royce, Joshua Ruff, Cody Sanders, Jack Schwab, Jake Schultz, Aaron Shaffer, Richard Speact, Jeff Stevens, Ryan Swope, Terrence Taylor, Chris Treloar, Kevin Vanzet, Nick Voyles, Dominick Wagner, Chauncey Wahinya, Adam Walsh,

Clint Weis, Cameron White, Mike Whitney, Joe Williams, Matt Zoeteway and their coaches, Jeff Ketron, Gene Hill, Buce Misare, Mike Wade, Kevin Folven, Lon Smith, Steve Bantz, RL Boyles, Pat McGraw, Mike Smith, Jodie White, Brandon Gilbert and Melissa Martinez—won the Colorado State Division 5A Football Championship on December 3, 2005.

After completing the season at 9–1, the Huskies were given the first place seeding in the State playoff bracket. They won the next four games and this outstanding group of athletes earned their first ever State Championship.

The Huskies have trained intensively while maintaining a standard of academic excellence throughout the season. It is my pleasure to honor their championship, and to wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MCGUIRE

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2005

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to William McGuire, upon his retirement as head of Western New York's Kaleida Health.

Mr. Speaker, when Bill McGuire arrived in Buffalo in 2002, morale among Kaleida's staff was at its nadir. The system had lost \$125 million in its first 5 years of existence, physicians were fleeing, and the community was in an uproar over a proposal that would have moved its Women and Children's Hospital.

Just as doctors worked to heal Kaleida's patients, Bill McGuire's seemingly impossible mission was to heal the health system itself. And heal it he did.

As Ted Walsh, Chairman of the Kaleida Board of Directors once remarked, "Bill McGuire arrived at a critical moment in Kaleida's history and brought the organization from fiscal chaos to financial health and stability."

In addition to bringing stability to Kaleida Health, under Bill McGuire's leadership, the nationally-renowned Women and Children's Hospital remains open, providing vital health care services to the Western New York community.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan, Bill McGuire previously served as President and CEO for Catholic Medical Centers of Brooklyn and Queens. He has held similar positions at a number of hospitals across the United States.

Further, Bill McGuire has provided his time and leadership to such organizations as the Greater NY Hospital Association, the Hospital Association of New York State, the Western New York Healthcare Association, the Greater NY Healthcare Association, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, and the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

Mr. Speaker, Bill McGuire once noted that "people working together can make a real difference. They can influence the future, rather than being a victim of it."

Bill McGuire's leadership, commitment and service has influenced our future, the Western New York community is the better for it.